

## 2009 Congressional Art Competition Guidelines

### Office of Congresswoman Susan Davis

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#### **General Guidelines**

- Artwork must incorporate the theme “Celebrating Unity Among Diversity.”
- The competition is open to high school students only. All entries must be received by Congresswoman Davis’s San Diego office by 6:30pm on Monday, May 4, 2009.
- In order to allow artwork to hang in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol, the following restrictions are enforced:
  - All artwork must be framed according to the appropriate framing guidelines, listed below.
  - Artwork must conform to the restrictions:
    - Artwork must be two-dimensional
    - Each piece can be **no larger** than 30”x30”x4” (30 inches high, 30 inches wide, and 4 inches deep) including the frame. Artwork cannot weigh more than 15 lbs.
    - Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. Any entry which has been reproduced from an existing photo (not the student’s own), painting, graphic, advertisement, or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and **will not** be accepted.
- Artwork will hang in the Capitol for the **entire year** of the exhibition and **cannot** be returned to students earlier. Students, therefore, should submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.
- Artwork categories are as follows:
  - Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
  - Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers
  - Collage: must be two dimensional
  - Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
  - Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, etc.
  - Computer generated art
  - Photography
- A **TYPED** copy of the Student Release form, signed by both the teacher and the student, must be attached to the artwork to certify the originality of the piece.